

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18, with the amended paragraph, as follows:

-- Carpet cleaning machines typically include a wand with a cleaning head that is movable over the carpet, or a rotating platform that rotates one or more cleaning heads over the carpet. The cleaning heads usually include a spray nozzle for spraying a liquid, such as a cleaning solution, onto and/or into the carpet. In addition, the cleaning heads usually include a vacuum head for vacuuming or sucking the fluid, and any dirt, from the carpet. The vacuum heads commonly include a large opening, such as with an inverted funnel, which sits and moves atop the carpet.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please replace claims 1 and 3 with the amended claims 1 and 3, as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A vacuum head device configured to withdraw a fluid from a carpeted surface, the device comprising:

a) an elongated base plate configured to be movably disposed on the carpeted surface, and having a tapering cross section with a wider upper end and a narrower lower end configured to penetrate into the carpeted surface; and